

or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

SEC. 7. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 18, 1941.

Right to amend, etc.

[CHAPTER 375]

AN ACT

To permit construction, maintenance, and use of certain pipe lines for petroleum and petroleum products in the District of Columbia.

August 18, 1941

[H. R. 4582]

[Public Law 226]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and are hereby, authorized and empowered to grant permission to Steuart Brothers, Incorporated, a corporation organized in the State of Delaware, lessee of square south of 1048 bounded by M Street Southeast on the north, Fourteenth Street Southeast and Water Street Southeast on the east, and Virginia Avenue on the south, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, to lay down, construct, maintain, and use not more than five pipe lines for the carriage of petroleum and petroleum products with such auxiliary steam lines as may be necessary from a point or points within said square south of 1048 due north in and through M Street Southeast to the right-of-way of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad; and also the right to lay down, construct, maintain, and use not more than five pipe lines for the carriage of petroleum and petroleum products with such auxiliary steam lines as may be necessary from a point or points within square south of 1048 due north to the said M Street, thence westwardly along the said M Street to its intersection with Thirteenth Street Southeast, thence south in and along the said Thirteenth Street to the Anacostia River.

District of Columbia.  
Petroleum pipe lines, construction, etc.

Regulations and rentals.

Approval of plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That all the construction and use provided for herein shall be under such regulations and rentals as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may make and establish in connection therewith and all plans and specifications for such construction shall be subject to their approval. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have full authority to designate the location and to cause such repairs or relocation of said pipe lines as the public necessity may require, any such repairs or relocation to be at the expense of the Steuart Brothers, Incorporated, its successors or assigns.

SEC. 3. That no permission granted or enjoyed hereunder shall vest any title or interest in or to the land within Thirteenth Street Southeast or M Street Southeast.

Property rights.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved, August 18, 1941.

[CHAPTER 376]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Department of Highways, Commonwealth of Virginia, to construct, maintain, and operate two free bridges across the New River, one at Bluff City and the other at Eggleston, in the State of Virginia.

August 18, 1941

[H. R. 4732]

[Public Law 227]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Department of Highways, Commonwealth of Virginia, to construct, maintain, and operate two free highway bridges and approaches thereto across the New River, at

New River.  
Bridges authorized across, at Bluff City and Eggleston, Va.

points suitable to the interest of navigation, one at Bluff City, Giles County, Virginia, and the other at Eggleston, Giles County, Virginia, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 18, 1941.

# [CHAPTER 377]

## AN ACT

Authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter Federal investigations and improvements of rivers and other waterways for flood control and allied purposes shall be under the jurisdiction of and shall be prosecuted by the War Department under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, and Federal investigations of watersheds and measures for run-off and waterflow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on watersheds shall be under the jurisdiction of and shall be prosecuted by the Department of Agriculture under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, except as otherwise provided by Act of Congress.

SEC. 2. That section 3 of the Act approved June 22, 1936 (Public, Numbered 738, Seventy-fourth Congress), as amended by section 2 of the Act approved June 28, 1938 (Public, Numbered 761, Seventy-fifth Congress), shall apply to all works authorized in this Act, except that for any channel improvement or channel rectification project provisions (a), (b), and (c) of section 3 of said Act of June 22, 1936, shall apply thereto, and except as otherwise provided by law: *Provided*, That the third proviso of section 1 of the Flood Control Act approved August 28, 1937 (Public, Numbered 406, 75th Congress) and all of section 8 of the Flood Control Act approved August 11, 1939, (Public, Numbered 396, 76th Congress) are hereby repealed: *Provided further*, That the authorization for any flood-control project heretofore or herein adopted requiring local cooperation shall expire five years from the date on which local interests are notified in writing by the War Department of the requirements of local cooperation, unless said interests shall within said time furnish assurances satisfactory to the Secretary of War that the required cooperation will be furnished: *And provided further*, That in any case where the total authorization for a project heretofore or hereafter authorized by Congress is not sufficient to complete plans that may have been made the Chief of Engineers is authorized in his discretion to plan and make expenditures on preparations for the project, such as the purchase of lands, easements, and rights-of-way; readjustments of roads, railroads, and other utilities; removal of towns, cemeteries, and dwellings from reservoir sites; and the construction of foundations. The Chief of Engineers is also authorized in his discretion to modify the plan for any dam or other work heretofore or hereafter authorized so that such dam or work will be smaller than originally planned with a view to completing a useful improvement within an authorization: *Provided*, That the smaller structure shall be located on the chosen site so that it will be feasible at some future time to enlarge the work in order to permit

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

August 18, 1941  
[H. R. 4911]

[Public Law 228]

Flood control, etc.  
Jurisdiction over  
Federal activities.

State, etc., coopera-  
tion.  
49 Stat. 1571; 52  
Stat. 1215.  
33 U. S. C. § 701c.

*Provisos.*  
Repeals.  
50 Stat. 877; 53 Stat.  
1417.

Assurances of local  
cooperation; time limita-  
tion.

Initiating projects  
when total authoriza-  
tion insufficient.

Construction of  
smaller dams.

Location.